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Escape attempt foiled

Charlie William Brodgon failed in his escape attempt on last Wednesday morning as he was being escorted from the Appomattox County Courthouse to the county jail.

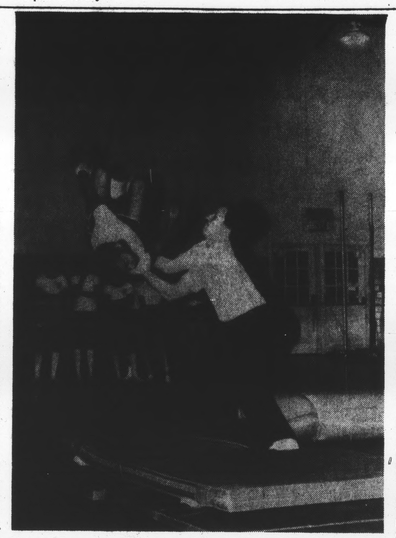
Brodgon, 23, of the Brookneal community, had been sentenced to 45 days in jail, with all but 15 days suspended after being tried and convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked license.

Appomattox County Sheriff Gene Richardson shot Brodgon twice in the leg as he attempted to flee. With credit for time served Brodgon's 15 day jail term would have ended at midnight last Wednesday. Sheriff Richardson had planned to turn the prisoner over to the Charlotte County authorities on Thursday morning of last week where he was wanted for breaking and entering.

Brodgon was charged with attempted escape; the charge is a misdemeanor as Brodgon did not use force in the escape attempt.

Richardson called out warnings three times and the prisoner did not heed the warnings and Richardson shot what he intended to be a warning shot. The man kept running and the sheriff shot the second time.

Sheriff Richardson, assisted by Deputy R. L. Phelps apprehended Brodgon near the N&W Railway tracks.



THE APPOMATTOX MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA was treated to a special display of artistic and athletic abilities during their regular meeting Monday night. Art work done by the students was displayed in the cafeteria and halls, and a gymnastics exhibition was conducted in the gymnasium. In the above photo, AMS teacher Bob Hudson spots for a student performing a back flip, a very difficult maneuver. Other exhibitions included demonstrations of tumbling exercises, gymnastics pyramids, and square dancing. Parents who are interested in helping with AMS Activity Night on Friday, May 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 are asked to call the Middle School at 352-8257. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Taxpayers will have say

School board selection changes are described

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Citizens of Appomattox County ARE interested in the Appomattox County School Division and all of its related activities. Because of their interest they have indicated their desire to give and receive more input into the operation of the schools in the county.

At the present time, members of the Appomattox County School Board are: A. A. Fratrick, Stonewall District.....term expires 6/30/82; J. B. Drinkard, Jr., Clover Hill District...term expires 6/30/83; Ruth Webb, Southside District....term expires 6/30/83; Robert Stewart, At Large...term expires 6/30/84.

In order to meet the desire of the people of Appomattox County, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors has decided on a procedure to allow as much input in the School Board member selection as legally possible.

A notice will be placed in the Legal Notice section of the Times Virginian for two successive weeks beginning the third week in April requesting nominations to the Appomattox County School Board.

Nominees for the position of School Board member will be accepted by the Supervisors at the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court beginning the fourth Monday in April or the first working day after that. The completed nominee forms must be in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court no later than 12:00 noon the third Tuesday in May or the first working day after that date. None will be accepted after this date.

Nominations must be submitted in a sealed envelope which will not be opened until the selection committee is ready to review them. The name of the Nominee is to appear on the face of the envelope as (Name of Nominee) for Appomattox County School Board. Also include the name of the individual submitting the form.

The names of nominees and the person turning in the nomination papers are to be recorded by the Clerk's representative. This list is to be retained by the Clerk with a copy to the selection committee. This will provide a record in the event of questions about nominee papers.

After the closing date for submitting nominees, the names of the nominees will be published in the Times Virginian for the information of the public for one week, the third Thursday in May.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Office of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors's, care of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. All information requested must be applied; failure to complete information may result in nomination paper being disqualified.

Each nomination form must contain the signature of at least 50 registered voters. More than one nomination form may be submitted for a nominee but the signatures must not be duplicated.

The completed nomination form must be signed by the person or persons circulating the form, plus their address and phone number.

The following information must appear on the nomination form: Name of nominee; Will the nominee serve if selected by the Board of Supervisors?; Nominees complete address and phone; Is nominee a registered voter of Appomattox County; Does he live in the District in which a nominee is needed at this time; Occupation over the past five years; How long a resident of Appomattox County; Experience in serving the public...churches, service clubs, other organizations; Does nominee have family...name of wife, names and ages of children; Nominee's educational background.. high school, colleges, degrees; Interests of nominee.

The individual making the nomination should use the reverse side of the form to write a statement why he or she believes the nominee will be the best possible representative of the district for which he is nominated.

After all nominations are in the office, the Supervisor (s) of the District (s) involved will grade all of the nominees to try to get the best qualified persons for final consideration. To help in this process, he will choose a selection committee of three. The Supervisor will be a fourth member and serve as the Committee Chairman.

The four member Selection Committee will screen and interview the applicants and recommend three applicants to the Board of Supervisors for final selection.

Notice of a Public Hearing to review the nominees for the Appomattox County School Board will be published for two successive weeks beginning the fourth Thursday in May. Public hearing to be held the second Wednesday in June in the Appomattox Court House at 8 p.m.

Interviews may be had at any given point in the selection but definitely will at the point of final selection by the Supervisors.

The individual selected by the Supervisors will then be announced at the June meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

This is to be an annual selection process, subject to revision.

Cancer research made the difference

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

April is American Cancer Crusade Month and the Appomattox Chapter of the American Cancer Society is contacting citizens of this area for donations....and donations make the difference.

The American Cancer Society attacks cancer through programs of research, education, service and rehabilitation.

There is one man in Gladstone who believes in the American Cancer Society and the work it is doing. His name is William Christian Carter and he knows because he's had a first hand experience with cancer.

"I'd never been sick in my life, that is, really sick," said Carter recently in telling of his experience with cancer.

"Oh, I've had the flue and a cold or something minor like that," but nothing really serious, commented Carter, remembering. "When I first began suffering, I thought I had arthritis."

Carter, a young looking 68, was first stricken with cancer in the fall of 1974. A nagging backache that just wouldn't quit was his first sign of trouble.

"At first my condition was diagnosed as a slipped disc. I was in traction in a Clifton Forge hospital in 1975 but it didn't help," he said.

Carter first underwent surgery on July 7 of 1975; again on January 16, 1976 and two weeks later he underwent surgery again, for the third time.

It was after this last round with surgery that Carter was forced to face the truth....the ugly truth of cancer. It was to be his constant companion for some time to come.

"Why?", he asked himself over and over; "Why, after so much treatment, so much painful traction, so much surgery, why cancer?"

Carter couldn't seem to take it in. It was hard to believe it was happening to him, a man who had worked hard all his life and had never really been sick at all. But it had happened and the reality of it all had to be faced.

"The doctors didn't give me much encouragement. They couldn't, because things looked so bad, really bad. In fact, I was led to believe I wouldn't get out of this hospital," said Carter.

"Well, if what you tell me is the truth," commented Carter, after hearing the gloomy news, "then I have just one more doctor to go to. I will take this burden to the Lord and leave it there, just like the old song says."

And so he did just that.

There was treatment, medication, visits to doctor after doctor, there was prayer and all the while the faith that he had given his case to the greatest healer of all.

"It's a miracle that I am alive. A lot of people give up, but I didn't. I told the doctors that I had to go home to my wife and little girl," commented Carter.

"There are so many ways the American Cancer Society can help the victim of cancer, but the patient has just got to fight, and keep on fighting," said Carter in speaking of his long road to recovery.

It has been a long hard road for Carter but slowly he's made it back to good health. Today, there are no signs of cancer, and he looks like a perfect picture of good health.

"First of all, concluded Carter, it has been God's grace, the love and support of my wife, Lois, and daughter Kim (now Mrs. Henry White III), good doctors and the strides that are being made in the field of cancer research. I've done a lot of praying and a lot of crying but I have made it through the ordeal of cancer and others can too."

Of the nearly 420,000 Americans who will die of cancer this year, about 134,000 could have been saved by earlier diagnosis and treatment, according to a report of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society offers a free booklet listing vital early warning signs of cancer.

The American Cancer Society cares.....do you?

CHRISTIAN CARTER

Lions Club to meet

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, April 22 at 6:45 in the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Nancy Lisa, teacher of the Hearing Impaired with the Appomattox County School Division, will be the guest speaker.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Feeling the urge to report on what Appomattox looks like as Spring takes charge, I drove all over town and for a few miles down all approaching roads. I never light my pipe or write on my notepad while driving, but soon as I got home I jotted down my impressions. There is a lot of dogwood in bloom. Nearly all white. And all manner of blooming cover on slopes and banks. Phlox, sedum, maybe crownvetch. Many garden spaces have been plowed, doubtless a few of them planted. But there are many vacant spots, like part of my own back lot, that could be utilized. I was prepared to see more dandelions than anything else, but the dabs of gold, too low to be snared by mowers, were outnumbered as eyecatchers by assorted shrubs, tulips in bloom are showoff attractions. Some daffodils left. Do not recall seeing any new construction. Hardly anyone on front porches to watch the world go by; that will come later. Several lawnmowers in action and it was washday at several homes. Comment: Appomatox is a typical town, looks better every year and I wish I knew everybody. Hard to realize it, but we are almost a third of the way through 1982, and there is so much to do.

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A large tree was recently removed from a vacant lot opposite the court house square on Court Street, and I attempted to count the age rings. Over seventy-five years old. White oak (Quercus alba).

Sorry about the transposed lines and typographical errors in last week's column. Will try harder.

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The Governor has proclaimed milk the official drink for Virginia. Okeh with me, but I consume milk mostly as ice cream.

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And an item I read stated that there are an estimated 86,000 horses in Virginia. There used to be more. The farm tractor has assumed command, replacing horses and mules. Many of the 86,000 probably are show horses and ponies. And with the lack of horses, the game of pitching horseshoes has declined. I happen to have some rusty horseshoes and may try to revive the once popular sport. Ringers anyone?

Took me a long while to mower my lawn. Lots of clover patches have sprung up and I could not resist stopping to see if there were any fourleafers. Did not find any, but there must be at least one out there someplace. (Remember the song, I'm Looking Over a Fourleaf Clover). Always pleases me to recognize the song being played in a food store as a musical background for shoppers. I cannot keep up with the current hit parade. But the tune I heard was from a generation ago: Bye Bye Blackbird. That day an appropriate tune would have been Yes We Have No Bananas. My stereo is not working; Lawrence Welk is gone from local channels, so thanks to the food store folks for good music!

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Congrats to the ACHS baseball team. And thanks for reading. Seeya around.

THE CAST OF THE PLAY, "THE MOUSE THAT ROARED," rehearses in the Appomattox County High School auditorium in preparation for this weekend's performances. The play a satirical farce about a tiny country which declares war on the United States over a wine-manufacturing dispute, will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

'War' declared here

"Hold on, I don't keep up with these things. I don't even have time for the papers. Was there a reason for declaring war?", Professor Kokintz asked anxiously.

Then the soldiers of Grand Fenwick gave the inevitable reply, "Over wine, what better reason!"

Are you confused, wondering when the United States went to war with .....with a country that doesn't exist? Well, come to the Appomattox County High school auditorium on April 23 or 24 at 8:00 p.m. and see this years Drama Club production "The Mouse That Roared" to have all your questions answered. Ticket costs are $2.00 for students and $3.00 for adults.

The play takes place in the late 1960's and is a satirical, farce comedy about a small, mythological country that really does exist called Grand Fenwick. Grand Fenwick declares war on the United States after their wine, the countries only source of income, is imitated in California.

There are several veteran performers in the play, along with many students who will make their debut.

Members of the cast include : Gloriana, Duchess of Grand Fenwick, played by Susan Morris; Tully Bascom, head of the military forces of Grand Fenwick, played by David Williams; County Mountjoy, head of one of Grand Fenwicks political parties, played by J. C. Rogers and David Benter, head of another political party of Grand Fenwick, played by Robert Riley.

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